

(c) No working committee has been set up.

(d) Question does not arise.

MPs Letters Received by Superintendent of AIIMS

672. SHRI ARJUN SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of letters received by the Medical Superintendent of the all India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi from the Members of Parliament during the last six months;

(b) the details of the action taken thereon;

(c) whether the letters of MPs are acknowledged invariably; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) to (d) The AIIMS have reported that about 97 letters have been received in the office of the Medical Superintendent of the Institute from the Members of Parliament during the last 6 month which mostly pertain to the treatment of the patients at the AIIMS hospital and that prompt

action has been taken on all the letters regation consultation land fixing up of appointment/follow up action of the cases of patients referred to the AIIMS hospital.

Pollution by Cement factories

673. SHRI DHARMABHIKSHAM: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have given instructions to the State Governments to stop pollution in the cement industrial areas; and

(b) the number of units which are taking measures to avoid cement pollution, state-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS: (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) Yes, Sir. The Central Government in Consultation with the State Governments has directed all heavily polluting industries, including the cement units, to comply with the prescribed effluent and emission standards by 31.12.1991.

(b) according to the information available with government, the number of units, state-wise, which have taken measures to control cement pollution are give below:

S. No.	State	No. of Units
1	2	3
1.	Andhra Pradesh	15
2.	Bihar	1
3.	Gujarat	15
4.	Haryana	2
5.	Karnataka	7